



The Lion's Roar

Walter Lee Elementary



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Thursday, June 23, 2022



We are now into the final stretch of our school year. These last couple of months have felt like a celebration. Lots of fun activities, spirit days, presentations, and a whole bunch of learning! This will be our final newsletter going home this year. Some important reminders for the end of this school year and the beginning of next.

Departing Staff

We would like to announce another staff who will be leaving us at the end of the school year. The Walter Lee staff and students would like to wish the best of luck to Ms. Mackenzie Elliot and thank her for taking over for Ms. Sood in January. We will miss her charm, thoughtfulness and amazing teaching skills.

Epipen pick up

If your child has had an **Epipen at school and you will need it for the summer** please have them take it home on the last day, or parents can pick them up at the school office after the students have been dismissed for the summer.

Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 28th will be the last day of school for students. School will be dismissed at regular time at **2:45 pm**.

First Day Back

Our first day back to school for the 2022/23 school year will be **Tuesday, September 6th**. We will send an email the week before to provide more information about the 1st week of school.

The Walter Lee staff would like to wish you all a wonderful summer.



JUST B4 PRESCHOOL

Just B4 is a new initiative from the Ministry of Education to introduce preschool to 4–5-year-old children who are starting Kindergarten in September 2023. Just B4 will provide opportunities for children to engage in lots of activities, spend time outdoors and in the school garden, and socialize with peers.

Just B4 will run from September – June for 2 hours and 15 minutes a day. The program will be held at Walter Lee and Grauer Schools, in the StrongStart classrooms. Walter Lee's program will be held in the morning from 9:30am – 11:45am and Grauer's program will be in the afternoon from 12:30pm – 2:45pm. Parents will have the option to request 2-3 mornings at Lee OR 2-3 afternoons at Grauer. **Selection will be done on a lottery basis.**

If you are interested, please submit your application by **Monday, June 27, 2022**. For more information please visit: <https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>

LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please note that being absent at the start of the school year has the following ramifications for students:

1. Missed valuable instructional time, therefore missed valuable learning opportunities.
2. Missed valuable teacher and administrative explanations of expectations and routines for the course & school.
3. Missed valuable opportunities to make important social connections at the start of a school year.
4. If a student is not returning on or before September 14, 2022, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students' late return.

In conclusion, the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2022 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by emailing the school at lee@sd38.bc.ca.

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OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Please note that the school office will be closed for the summer from **Saturday, July 9 – Sunday, August 28, 2022**. The best way to contact us over the summer is through e-mail at lee@sd38.bc.ca. We will respond your e-mails when the office staff return to school.

PAC UPDATES

*Thank
you.*

Thank you to our entire Lee community for your continued support this year of our various PAC fundraising programs including the Neufeld Farms Fall Favorites, Purdy's Chocolatier Fundraiser, West Coast Seeds, June Limited lunch days, and our contribution letter. With your assistance, we continue to fund various school-related expenses which benefit all our students at Lee.

Thank you to all our parents who stayed connected this year attending our monthly PAC meetings. Your support is appreciated! Please take the opportunity in 2022-2023 to participate in your PAC. Everyone is welcome!

Our PAC Executive Team for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year are:

PAC Chair - Melissa Smith

Treasurer - Julie Bevan

Co-Secretary - Cindy Cheung & Michael Chou

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Michelle Ferguson

Check the PAC website throughout the summer for details of ongoing PAC fundraisers, and plans for next year PAC-activities, including a *NEW* Hot Lunch schedule, and a Back to School BBQ!

<https://lee.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council-pac>

Receive PAC updates on WhatsApp by joining our group. Email LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive the secure invite link.

Have a safe, relaxing summer!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Mon, Jun 27 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly AM
Grade 6/7 Dance PM
- Tue, Jun 28 Last Day of School
Virtual Farewell Assembly**
- Wed, Jun 29 Pro-D Day – No school
- Thu, Jun 30 Administrative Day – No school
- Fri, Jul 8 Last Day for School Office
- Tue, Sep 6 First Day of School**
(Information will be sent out via email by September 2nd)

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